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effects of the flood on Hat Creek are being turned to good account, while many visitors are safely climbing the peak. Although it is possible that Vulcan is simply conserving his forces for a future outbreak, the general indications are that he is closing up the Lassen Peak branch of his laboratory for the season, perhaps with the intention of giving a small exhibit next spring when the snow melts."

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

DR. W. S. FRANKLIN has resigned from the professorship of physics in Lehigh University.

DR. JOHN LEE COULTER has been appointed dean of the College of Agriculture and director of the Experiment Station of the West Virginia University. He goes from the George Peabody College, and will take the place of E. D. Sanderson, who resigned about a year ago.

DR. OSCAR THEODORE SCHULTZ, formerly assistant professor of pathology in the medical school of Western Reserve University, has been appointed professor of pathology and bacteriology in the College of Medicine, University of Nebraska.

DR. JOHN N. SWAN has resigned his position in Monmouth College to accept the head professorship in chemistry in the University of Mississippi.

DR. E. L. TALBERT has been appointed secretary of admission in the University of Cincinnati, also giving the courses in social psychology.

JOHN JENKINS BUCHANAN, A.M., M.D., Ph.D., professor of surgery in the school of medicine, University of Pittsburgh, for the past fourteen years, has resigned his active teaching and has been elected professor emeritus. Robert Tablott Miller, A.B., M.D., for the past five years a member of the staff of the department of surgery of the school, lately holding the position of associate professor of surgery, has been promoted to the full professorship in charge of the department. Dr. Miller is a graduate of Amherst College and Johns Hopkins University Medical School. He held the position of resident on the surgical staff of the Johns Hopkins Hospital for

a period of six years, following which he was elected to the position of instructor in surgery in the Johns Hopkins Medical School, which position he held for a period of two years, prior to his taking up his residence in Pittsburgh.

DR. J. R. SCHRAMM, assistant to the director of the Missouri Botanical Garden and instructor in botany at Washington University, has been appointed assistant professor of botany in the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University. Dr. Lester W. Sharp has been promoted to an assistant professorship in botany at the same institution. Other recent appointments in botany at the New York State College of Agriculture are as follows: J. Marshall Brannon, Albert R. Bechtel and Frank B. Wann, instructors; John P. Benson, Robert Stratton, Lawrence Erickson, George R. Gage and Harry E. Knowlton, assistants.

MR. HOWARD B. WAHA, who graduated in civil engineering from the Pennsylvania State College in 1909, and who has been employed in engineering work with the U. S. Forest Service in New Mexico and Arizona since graduation, has accepted the position of assistant professor of forest engineering in the New York State College of Forestry, Syracuse University.

W. A. ELLIS, a teaching fellow in the State College of Agriculture at Cornell University, has been elected instructor in forestry entomology. He will give his attention to insects affecting shade and forest trees of the state, and will assist Dr. M. W. Blackman, forest entomologist of the college.

PROFESSOR R. ROBINSON, of the University of Sydney, has been appointed to the newly constituted chair of organic chemistry at the University of Liverpool.

DR. HANS REICHENBACH, professor of hygiene at Göttingen, has declined a call to Halle.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### PUBLIC HEALTH IN AMERICA

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: I was much interested in the article by Dr. W. W. Ford,